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Applicant : Takuya Tamatani et al.

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Serial No. : 09/383,551

Examiner : Jessica Roark, Ph.D.

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Title : ANTIBODIES SPECIFIC FOR A CELL SURFACE MOLECULE MEDIATING CELL ADHESION AND SIGNAL TRANSMISSION, CELLS SECRETING SUCH ANTIBODIES, AND METHODS OF MAKING AND USING SUCH ANTIBODIES

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated October 31, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 37-214 are pending in the application. Applicants have not amended the claims.

Allowable Claims

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's conclusion in paragraph 15 of the Office Action that claims 55-72 and 90-99 appear to be allowable.

Common Ownership of Applications

In paragraph 12 of the Office Action, the Examiner alleged that claims 37-54, 73-89, and 100-214 are directed to an invention not patentably distinct from claims 1-7, 10-15, 18-22, and 25-50 of commonly assigned application serial no. 09/830,548. In addition, the Examiner stated that application serial no. 09/830,548 would form the basis of a rejection under

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